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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

To the Urban District Council of Wirksworth

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30th June, 1969.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Urban District for the year ended 31st December, 1968.

The Registrar General's estimate of population for mid 1968 was 5,090, a decrease of 10 over that for 1967.

The total number of live births registered during the year was 108, an increase of 20 on the 1967 figure.

The number of deaths registered during the year was 52 (that is 32 Males and 20 Females), and this figure shows an increase of 8 on that for the previous year's figures. There were no still births during the year.

Deaths from cancer of all sites numbered 8 and deaths from cancer of the lungs and bronchus were classed as being responsible for 3 deaths.

The Infant Mortality Rate of 18 for England and Wales is against the lowest ever recorded in this country.

A total of 8 notifications of infectious disease were recorded (as against 127 notifications received during 1967) made up as follows: Measles 2, Chicken Pox 4, Scarlet Fever 1 and Tuberculosis Respiratory 1.

During 1968 I am pleased to be able to report that we received no notification of food poisoning cases in this district.

I have once again to place on record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, to Dr. Morgan, the County Medical Officer, to the General Practitioners, the Clerk of the Council, and the Public Health Inspector and other Chief Officers, for their support and assistance, and to the staff of the Department for their untiring efforts during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant

W.J. Morrissey

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area of District in acres	4,015
Estimated Mid-Year Population 1969	5,090
Estimated number of houses	1,944
Number of families or separate occupiers	1,948
Rateable Value	£175,239
Product of Penny Rate	£660

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	Males	Females	Total
Total	46	62	108
Legitimate	44	61	105
Illegitimate	2	1	3

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	21.2
Area Comparability Factor	0.99
Adjusted Birth Rate	21.08
England and Wales Birth Rate for 1968	16.9

Illegitimate Live Births formed 2.8% of the total Live Births

Still Births	Males	Females	Total
Total	-	-	-
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	Nil
England and Wales Still Birth Rate for 1968	14

Total Live and Still Births	Males	Females	Total
Total	46	62	108
Legitimate	44	61	105
Illegitimate	2	1	3

DEATHS	Males	Females	Total
	32	20	52

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 Estimated Population	10.2
Area Comparability Factor	1.16
Adjusted Death Rate	11.8
England and Wales Death Rate for 1968	11.9

Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 Year)

	Males	Females	Total
Total	1	2	3
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate

Total Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	28
Infant Mortality Rate England and Wales for 1968	18
Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	Nil
Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	Nil

Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)

	Males	Females	Total
Total	1	2	3
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	27
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1968	12.3

Early Neo-Natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)

	Males	Females	Total
Total	1	1	2
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Total Live Births	18
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1968	10.5

Peri-natal Mortality (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined)

	Males	Females	Total
Total	1	1	2
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Peri-natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births	19
Peri-natal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1968	25

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

Number of Deaths Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all forms)

Males	Females	Total
5	3	8

Deaths from Cancer (Lung and Bronchus)

Males	Females	Total
3	-	3

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING 1968

The following table shows the causes of deaths registered during 1968.

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	1	3
Diabetes Mellitus	-	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	9	5	14
Other forms of heart disease	2	-	2
Cerebrovascular disease	3	6	9
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	1	3
Bronchitis and emphysema	4	-	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2
Peptic ulcer	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Congenital anomalies	1	-	1
Birth injury, difficult labour etc.	1	1	2
All other accidents	3	1	4
Total	32	20	52

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The total of notifications of infectious diseases received during 1968 was 8 as compared with 127 in 1967.

Details of notifications received and the number removed to hospital, are shown in the following table.

Disease	Number of Cases	
	Notified	Removed to Hospital
Measles	2	-
Chicken Pox	4	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	1
Total	8	1

The following table shows the notifications of infectious diseases received month by month throughout the year.

Diseases	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Chicken Pox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	1	-	8

Tabulated below is the age incidence of infectious diseases notifield during 1968

Diseases	Under 1 Year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-9	10-14	15-25	25 and over	Age Unknown	Total
Measles	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Chicken Pox	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	4
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total	1	-	-	1	2	3	-	1	-	-	8

B.C.G. VACCINATION

The two schemes in operation, that is the scheme administered by the Chest Physicians on the one hand and the County Council Scheme on the other, continued to operate throughout the year. The Scheme administered by the Chest Physicians is limited to children who have been in contact with cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis and the County Council Scheme is for school children of the age of 13 years and upwards.

DIPHTHERIA AND DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

I am indebted to Dr. J. B. S. Morgan, County Medical Officer, who has kindly supplied the following details regarding diphtheria immunisations carried out during the year in this district.

Record cards received during the year in respect of children immunised during the year:

Primary Immunisation - 97

Booster Injections - 90

This gives an increase of 32 primary immunisations and 31 booster injections as compared with last year's figures.

POLIOMYELITIS AND POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

It gives me great pleasure once again to report that no confirmed cases of poliomyelitis occurred in the district during the year, but freedom from infection can only be maintained if parents continued to bring their children for vaccination.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

Arrangements for immunisation against these two complaints is available through the Derbyshire County Council and the same arrangements remained in force throughout the year. Injections are given at the County Council Clinic, or by the General Practitioners and booster doses are given after the recommended interval has elapsed.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

These two Acts give authority to secure necessary care and attention for persons who :-

(a) are suffering from grave chronic diseases, or being aged and infirm or physically incapacitated are living in insanitary conditions, and

(b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons proper care and attention.

It was not found necessary to take any formal action under these Acts during the year.

EXFOLIATIVE CYTOLOGY (COMMONLY CALLED SMEAR TESTS FOR CANCER OF THE NECK OF THE WOMB).

Derbyshire County Council accepts the value of exfoliative cytology in the early diagnosis of cancer of the cervix of the uterus, and since the 29th June, 1964, the County Health Committee has agreed to some of their medical staff collecting smears for cytological examination at certain County Council Clinics, and these facilities are now available at :

Belper Clinic, Field Lane, Belper

Derby Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby

Matlock Clinic, Lime Grove Walk, Matlock

Ripley Clinic, Derby Road, Ripley

Wirksworth Clinic, Church Street, Wirksworth

Anyone requiring this examination should contact the Health Visitor at any of these Clinics.

WELFARE SERVICES

Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. 1st and 3rd Thursday 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Tel. No.Matlock 3611.

Relaxation Class.

Wirksworth Clinic, Church Street. Monday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tel.No.Wirksworth 2865.

Infant Welfare Centre

Wirksworth Clinic, Church Street. Tuesday and Friday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. Tel.No.Wirksworth 2865.

Welfare Foods Distribution Centres

Middleton-by-Wirksworth, Southam's General Stores, The Green. Shop Hours.

Wirksworth Clinic, Church Street, Tuesday and Friday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Dental Clinic

Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. Tuesday and Thursday 9.15 a.m. to 12 noon. 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tel.No.Matlock 3611.

Eye Clinic

Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. 1st and 3rd Friday a.m. Tel.No.Matlock 3611.

Minor Ailment Clinic

Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. Tuesday a.m. Doctor present. Tel.No.Matlock 3611.

Orthopaedic Clinic

Derby, Cathedral Road. Thursday. Tel.No.Derby 45934.

Speech Therapy Clinic

Derby, Cathedral Road. By appointment. Tel.No.Derby 45934.

Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. (Temporarily unstaffed). Tel.No.Matlock 3611.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination Clinic.

Matlock, Lime Grove Walk. 4th Saturday a.m. Tel.No.Matlock 3611.

Chiropody Clinic

Wirksworth, Church Street. Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 noon., and Thursday a.m. once a month. By appointment, through the G.P.'s. Tel.No.Wirksworth 2865.

Chest Clinic

Derby, 93 Green Lane. Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon, and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays (Contacts only) 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. By appointment only at all sessions. Tel.No. Derby 40366.

Chest X-Ray Service. Available to Members of the Public.

Chest Radiography Centre, Postern Street, Nottingham. Tel.No.Nottingham 42440.
Public Sessions: Every Tuesday for Men 2.00 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.
Every Thursday for Women 2.00 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.
Additionally during the year 1969 the first monthly session will be extended to 7.30 p.m.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTRICT.

HOSPITALS

The local Maternity Hospital under the Number 2 Hospital Management Committee of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board functions as an 18 bedded Maternity Hospital and draws its cases from a wide area.

The Royal Infirmary, Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital and City Hospital, Derby, under the Number 1 Hospital Management Committee of the Regional Hospital Board, take surgical, medical and gynaecological cases, and admissions are conducted on a bed-bureau system. The City Hospital has an obstetrical wing which caters for abnormal cases.

1. Professional Nursing in the Home:

General Nurse	Nurse D. F. Repton, Uppercorn Close, 52 Cromford Road, Wirksworth. Tel.No. Wirksworth 2606
Midwifery	Mrs. B. L. R. Haywood, Blo-so, Bole Hill, Wirksworth, Tel. No. Wirksworth 2662
Health Visitor	Miss M. Ahamer, Wirksworth Clinic, Church Street, Wirksworth. Tel. No. Wirksworth 2865.

2. Other Hospitals for the District:

(a) Tuberculosis	Walton Hospital, Chesterfield.
(b) Maternity	Wirksworth Maternity Hospital. City Hospital, Derby (abnormal cases admitted) Accommodation is provided at Darley Hall Maternity Hospital, Darley Dale, Matlock.
(c) Infectious Disease Cases	Cases of other infectious diseases occurring in the district may be removed to the Derwent Hospital, Derby. All admissions and discharges of cases of infectious disease including Tuberculosis are notified to me as the District Medical Officer of Health.

Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector
to the Wirksworth Urban District Council

Public Health Department,
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Wirksworth,
Derbyshire.
DE4 4EU.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen, 30th June, 1969.

I herewith submit my Annual Report on the work undertaken by the Public Health Department during the year 1968.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the instructions received from the Ministry of Health under Regulations 5(3) and 15(5) of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959, which define the scope of this Annual Report and also in accordance with the directions contained in the Ministry of Health Circular 1/69.

In accordance with the Minister's wish, the qualifications and duties of the Authority's Public Health Officers are published on page one of this report, together with a list indicating the members of the Council who are concerned with matters of public health.

Once again a staff change occurred during the year. In November 1968 Mr. W. G. Hall left the authority to take up another appointment, the following month Mr. K. Ashworth commenced his duties as Deputy Surveyor/Additional Public Health Inspector.

I would like to acknowledge with gratitude the help and understanding I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee and to take this opportunity of saying thank you to the Medical Officer of Health and my colleagues in other departments who have been helpful at all times.

Finally I cannot close this report without expressing my sincere thanks to the staff of my own department for their work during the year and particularly to Mr. W. G. Hall and Mrs. O. S. Atkinson for their loyal support, and without whose help even this review of work done would not be produced.

They have at all times done their best both for the public and myself, services which I feel sure have also been to the benefit of the Council.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. Howie

Public Health Inspector

GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Estimated Population 5,090

Estimated Number of Houses 1,944

	Number on Register	Increase or Decrease	Inspections made
Bakehouses	1	-	3
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-
Dairies	7	-1	7
Factories and Workplaces	35	-	22
Houses let in lodgings	-	-	-
Ice Cream Premises (a) Manufacturers	-	-	-
(b) Dealers	21	-	84
Market Stalls	50	-	100
Milk Distributors	7	-	7 plus visits by County Public Health Inspector
Moveable Dwelling Sites	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	-	-	-
Outworkers	7	-10	4
Preserved Food Stores	5	-	9
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	50	-4	26
Slaughterhouses (a) Public Abattoir	-	-	-
(b) Private Abattoir	-	-	-
Knackers Yards	-	-	-

SWIMMING BATHS

No. of Baths		Samples Taken	
Public	Private (Open to public)	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

CONVERSIONS

Number of houses converted from pail closets, privies, etc., to water closets during the year 1968 - one

Number of pail closets, etc., converted to water closets during the past ten years:

Years	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Numbers	2	3	1	1	Nil	1	1	Nil	1	1

Number of Conversions of privies into pail closets. Nil

Approximate number of houses at 31st December, 1968 with:

(a) Privy Middens - 42

(b) Pail Closets - 73

(c) Water Closets - 1,829

SEWAGE AND SEWERAGE DISPOSAL

	No. of Houses	Estimated Population Involved
No. of houses in district connected to sewers	1,890	4,948
No. of houses in district not connected to sewers	54	142
No. of connections made during the year:-		
(a) existing houses	1	-
(b) new houses	28	
(c) other premises	-	
No. of conversions of other closets to W.C. 's	1	

HOUSING BY THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

As is appreciated this is one of the most important functions for which the Local Authority is responsibe, namely, the rehousing of families living in overcrowded or insanitary conditions.

Wirksworth has, I believe, a first class record of post war Council housing, and taken by and large, its housing problem is much less intense than many other similar local authorities.

This is perhaps borne out by the undernoted statistics supplied to me by the Housing Officer as to the numbers of persons on the Housing Waiting List as at 31st December 1968.

Applicants living within the Urban District	33
Applicants living outside the Urban District	21
Applicants requiring old people's dwellings (not including existing tenants).	9
	63

I am pleased to report that during the year the modernisation and improvement of fourteen pre-war Council Houses at King Street, Middleton-by-Wirksworth was started, and that at the time of writing four houses have been completed and re-occupied. Work on the remaining houses will proceed during the coming year.

The sixteen flats at Kingsfield Road were completed and apart from some minor troubles with the communal central heating installation the tenants are happily settled in.

Early in the coming year work should start on the construction of a further fourteen houses at Middleton-by-Wirksworth.

HOUSING - GENERALLY

The work of securing essential repairs to rented houses in the district was maintained at much the same level as in 1967. This routine, but essential work carried out by informal action with property owners entails a considerable number of meetings and liaisons with solicitors, owners and occupiers by virtue of the fact that the action is informal and not statutory.

However, it has always been my experience that when informal action is carried to a successful conclusion, the result is more satisfactory to all parties concerned that when the Council is forced to take statutory action, although as I have already pointed out this informal action by its very nature is most time consuming.

Certificates of Disrepair

No certificates of Disrepair were either applied for or issued during 1968.

Slum Clearance

Progress under this heading has been very limited indeed, and for your information, the following table shows the total number of houses dealt with by the Department since the Ministry called for a review:

Total number of houses demolished or closed or under an undertaking.

1.1.55 to 31.12.68 57

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Work on improving suitable houses continued during the year at a steady rate. Twenty one applications for Standard Grants were received during the year, as compared with a total of fifteen in 1967. All these Standard Grant Applications were approved. This work is, I think, one of the most satisfying aspects of the Department's work, as the applicant is in all cases very satisfied, with his improved standard of living, and in each case a house has been brought up to a standard which is more in keeping with modern ideas.

It is also undoubtedly a fact that this work of improving houses leads to an improved standard of maintenance which, in the long term, prevents the deterioration of a house into a slum dwelling, thus avoiding the provision of a new Council dwelling in which to rehouse the occupants.

The following particulars of formal application received and approved for Standard Grants from the inauguration of the scheme will no doubt be of interest to members of the Council.

Received - 153

GRANTS APPROVED

Number of Dwellings Concerned . 152 Total Maximum Amount Approved £23,061.3.2.

Fixed bath or shower	Wash basin	Hot Water supply	Water Closet	Food Storage facilities	Septic tank
138	141	138	126	95	3

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Number of applications received	2
Number of applications approved	2
Number of dwellings concerned	2
Total amount of grant approved	£733.0.0.
Average grant per dwelling	£366.10.0.

This being the first full year in which the Council has considered applications for Discretionary Grants it is probably understandable that the number of applications received is very small. However, I now feel that the majority of the Builders in the district are now aware of the scheme, and I am getting a steady flow of enquiries from house owners about these grants. I am, therefore, looking forward to a substantial increase in the number of applications during the coming year.

I think the members of the Council will be interested in the following table, which indicates the total number of houses completed by both Private Enterprise and the Local Authority in the Wirksworth Urban District since building recommenced after the last war.

Local Authorities	Local Authorities and Housing Associations		Private Builders		Demolished or closed or under an Undertaking 1.1.55-1.12.68
In tenders approved but not started	Under Construction	Completed since 1.4.45	Under Construction	Completed since 1.4.45	
Nil	5	325	10	228	57

The following table on housing statistics shows the results which have been obtained during the past year with regard to the repair and maintenance of old properties.

NUMBER OF HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR 1968.

1. By Private Enterprise - 12
2. By Local Authority - 16

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED	Houses Demolished	Displaced Persons	Displaced Families
t in Clearance Areas.	2	-	-
a result of formal or informal ocedure under Section 17 of the using Act, 1957.	-	-	-

UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED	Houses Closed	Displaced Persons	Displaced Families
der Sections 16(4), 17(1) - 5(1) using Act, 1957	2	4	2
der Sections 17(3) and 26 using Act, 1957	-	-	-
rts of buildings closed under ction 18 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED.

	By Owner	and Local Authority.
ter informal action by Local Authority	14	-
ter formal notice under a) Public Health Acts	-	-
b) Housing Act, 1957 Sec.9 and 16	-	-
nder Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	-	-

. No. of Undertaking accepted during 1968 One.

ommon Lodging Houses.

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND DISINFECTION

It is indeed gratifying to be able to report that during the year 1968 there were no cases of infectious diseases notified within the Urban Area which necessitated the Medical Officer of Health instructing me to carry out disinfection.

TENTS, VANS AND TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Once again, the Council have continued to exercise strict control throughout the whole of their area, with the result that there has been no real growth of undesirable unlicensed dwellings or sites within the boundaries of the Urban District.

Sporadic cases have occurred, of course, and these have been dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No. of caravan sites licensed for holiday purposes Nil containing Nil caravans.

No. of caravan sites licensed for residential purposes (with temporary approval only) Nil containing Nil caravans.

No. of caravans licensed individually Nil.

DISINFESTATION

As in previous years, complaints were received from time to time regarding infestation of old properties with woodworm and the death watch beetle, and in all instances, the occupants were given the necessary advice, and instructions on how to deal with these pests.

The Council's Power Blowers and Insecticide Sprayers were used whenever necessary with gratifying results, and a number of infestations of cockroaches (Blattella Germanica) yielded to extensive treatment, which consisted of the use of smoke generators.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958 - There are no licensed Slaughterhouses within the Urban District.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919
INFESTATION ORDER, 1942, AND PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Foreman, Mr. Walter Butlin, and your Cemetery Curator, Mr. J. Sheldon, act as Rodent Operators, and they carried out the routine work of this nature during 1968.

Throughout the whole of the period under review, the Urban District has worked in the closest co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Divisional Pests Officer, Mr. F. B. Oates, and again I would like to express my gratitude to him.

In addition to sewer treatments minor rat infestations at Hepton Lane and Middleton Tips have been eradicated by routine treatment by Mr. Butlin.

Very few properties have been found to be infested as a result of notification but each complaint has been dealt with in an efficient and successful manner.

Herewith is the Annual Report required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, for the year ending 31st December, 1968.

	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	2,219	35
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	12	Nil
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	12	Nil
(ii) Mice	Nil	Nil
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	109	8
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	5	Nil
(ii) Mice	Nil	Nil

SEWERS

4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year? Yes

5. Any other points of interest? Nil

REFUSE COLLECTION

Despite the vagaries of the British Climate, a weekly back door system of refuse collection was maintained reasonably satisfactorily during the year. Extreme difficulty is experienced however, during times of inclement weather and following public holidays and I am pleased to report that the Council have approved a recommendation to employ an additional loader for four months during each winter season. This will do much to improve the efficiency of the system.

Negotiations to establish a controlled tip at Intake Lane, Middleton-by-Wirksworth are now well in hand. Adequate provision will have to be made for access etc., and I anticipate that the new tip will be ready for use in September, 1969. By this time the existing tip at Hopton will be at the end of its useful life.

Refuse collection is, I think, a service taken very much for granted until the rare occasion when for some reason or other the slightest variation from the expected weekly routine emptying of the dustbin occurs. Perversely the better the service the more noticeable any departure from the normal, particularly at holiday times when the men themselves, of course, entitled to expect a rest from their labours.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the manual workers of this Department, under the able supervision of the Foreman, for their work during the year.

COST OF REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FOR 1968

(a) Total cost per head per week for weekly refuse collection	4.57d.
(b) Cost per head for whole year	19.11d.
(c) Cost per house for whole year	£2.12.0d.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928 AND PETROLEUM ACTS, 1928-36

The enforcement of the Petroleum Acts and Regulations is not a minor duty requiring a minimum of attention, on the contrary, such Acts where loss of life, personal injury or damage to property may result through lack of proper enforcement, require a high standard of technical knowledge for their proper performance.

During the year, visits were made to premises for the purpose of the inspection and examination of sites, installations and the electrical equipment associated with the pumps. The number of licences issued was fourteen and the fees for licensing, etc., amount to £43. 0. 0d.

On every occasion whenever it has been necessary, I have received the closet co-operation and assistance from the Fire Prevention Officers of the Derbyshire County Council through their Chief Fire Officer, Mr. H. J. Terry.

All new tanks together with those which have been installed for more than 20 years are subjected to pressure tests.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

(a) Capital Works

No additional capital works were carried out during the year.

(b) Maintenance

Normal day to day repairs and maintenance of the Council's sewerage system sufficed to keep the Town's Public sewers in working order and there have been no particular circumstances worthy of a special report up to December, 1968.

FOOD

FOOD PREPARATION ROOMS

Inspections of the Registered Food Preparation Rooms in your area have proved that a good standard has been maintained.

FOOD PREMISES

1. In accordance with the Ministry of Health instructions, the followin tables have been compiled and show the number of food premises in the area, by type of business.

TYPE OF BUSINESS	Number	Number of these Shops which in addition sell Ice Cream
(a) Grocery and Provisions	18	11
(b) Sweets, Confectionary & Tabacco	7	4
(c) Fish and Chips	2	-
(d) Greengrocers	2	1
(e) Newsagents, Ice-Cream and Sweets	3	3
(f) Pork Butchers	1	-
(g) Butchers	4	-
(h) Chemists (Food and Drugs)	1	-
(i) Cafes	3	1
(j) Bakers and Confectioners	1	-
(k) Public Houses	16	1
Total	59	21

2. (a) Number of Food Premises, by Type, registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Sausage and Meat Manufacture	-	5
Ice-Cream	-	21

(b) Number of Dairies Registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1959 (Sections 18, 19 and 20)

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3. Number of Inspections of Registered Food Premises

These numbers will be seen by reference to the table of General Sanitary Administration on page No. 15 of my report and informative comment will be found throughout this report under the individual headings which follow.

4. Education Activity

With the approval of the Medical Officer of Health, various posters and wall sheets on clean food and the dangers of food poisoning have been displayed in the area. The subject matter of these posters is, of course, changed from time to time.

5. Disposal of Unsound Food

Unsound food is disposed of locally, either by incineration whenever possible, failing this, on the Council's Refuse Tips. There remains a close liaison with proprietors of food businesses in the voluntarily surrender of food unfit for human consumption.

The total registration of premises for the sale of Ice-Cream, now stands at 21. None of the 21 registered retailers of Ice-Cream actually manufacture Ice-Cream, but all are registered as retailers of pre-packed, individual Ice-Creams obtained from manufacturers of national repute. All the 21 premises have been regularly visisted by me and monthly samples have been taken where ever possible and submitted to the Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination.

The following table shows the results of the samples which I have taken on your behalf during the year 1968. As will be seen, all samples taken were prononced satisfactory by the Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Total
76	5	3	-	84

The appendix to ministry of Health Circular 8/59 gave advice on tests for bacterial cleanliness of Ice-Cream. The following is the "recommended provision grading based on the methylene blue reduction test in which readings are taken half-hourly".

Provisional Grade	Time taken to reduce methylene blue
1	Fails to reduce in 4 hours.
2	$2\frac{1}{2}$-4 hours
3	$\frac{1}{2}$-2 hours
4	-

In all cases, whatever the results, copies of the Laboratory Reports have been forwarded to the respective retailers so that they are kept fully informed.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Food hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960 which consolidate and amend the Food Hygiene Regulations of 1955/57 came into force on the 1st October, 1960.

I have continued to carry out routine hygiene inspections under this heading and it is gratifying to be able to report that, for the most part, all the shops in the Wirksworth and Middleton Areas have now been brought up to and maintained in a satisfactory standard in order to comply with these regulations.

Trade Category	No. of Premises	No. of premises complying with Regulation 16 (wash-hand basins)	No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies. (Facilities for washing food and equipment)	No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19
Grocery and Provisions	18	18	18	18
Sweets and Confectionery	10	10	9	9
Fried Fish and Chips	2	2	2	2
Greengrocers	2	2	2	2
Butchers	5	5	5	5
Bakers and Confectioners	1	1	1	1
Public Houses	16	16	16	16

In accordance with paragraph 5 of the Health Circular 22/58, I have to report that no prosecutions were instigated by my Council under the Food Hygiene Regulations throughout the period under review.

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

Number of egg pasteurisation plants in district - Nil

Number of samples of liquid egg taken - Nil

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the Urban District.

DAIRIES, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955
THE MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1959
THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1960

The above mentioned Regulations came into operation on the 1st January 1961, and transfered to the Food and Drugs Authority the duty of licensing dealers in designated milks. From that date onwards the sampling of designated milks has been carried out by the County Public Health Officer, and he has kindly supplied me with the following information concerning samples taken within your district:-

Total number of samples taken - 21

Designation.	Samples taken	Test Applied	Result	
			Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Untreated Milk	Nil	Methylene Blue	-	-
		Bacteriological	-	-
Pasteurised Milk	18	Methylene Blue	16	Nil
		Phosphates	18	-
Sterilised Milk	Nil	Turbidity	-	-

Brucella Abortus

1. Number of samples of raw milk examined - 18

2. Number ofpositive samples found - 1

Following the positive sample above a Notice under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, was served on the producer requiring all his milk to be heat treated before sale for human consumption. The infected animal was removed from the herd and follow-up individual samples were taken from the rest of the herd which all proved negative. Accordingly the Regulation 20 Notice was withdrawen.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following results and particulars of samples taken in this district on behalf of my Council by the Derbyshire County Council Food and Drugs Authority have once again been supplied to me by the County Analyst, Mr. J. Markland, B.Sc., F.R.I.C.

20 samples, including 8 milks, were taken under the above Act in the area of the Wirksworth Urban District Council during the year 1968. All the samples were classed as satisfactory.

FISH FRYING PREMISES

The two fish frying premises in the area received routine inspections during the year, and I am pleased to be able to report that the conditions obtained therein are satisfactory.

There have been no further major alterations worthy of note carried out to either of these premises during the period under review, and they continue to operate in a clean and hygienic manner.

BAKEHOUSES

As will be seen from my statistics under General Sanitary Administration at the commencement of this report, there is now only one bakehouse in use in the Wirksworth Urban District and I can only continue to bring to your notice each year the conditions prevailing in this establishment. No further actual structural improvements have been carried out to the Wirksworth bakehouse where the business is still carried on in very grim surroundings with little room for extension. I can only repeat that I have reported to you in previous years that I would dearly like to see these premises either brought up to the modern standards now enjoyed by the majority of the workers in this industry, or, alternatively cease to be used.

However, the standard of bread and confectionery produced from these premises appears to be of good quality and I have no complaints whatsoever from the public during the period under review.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

With the completion of all the general inspections of premises falling within the scope of the Act during 1968 routine inspections have been made to secure continued compliance with requirements of the Act.

The following tables show the prescribed particulars which have to be included in this Annual Report and which also have to be submitted to the Ministry of Labour under Section 60.

TABLE "A" REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	Premises Registered 1968	Premises Registered at the end of 1968	Premises receiving a general inspection in 1968
Offices	Nil	15	3
Retail Shops	1	27	12
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	Nil	Nil	Nil
Catering Establishments open to public, canteens	Nil	8	4
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	1	50	19

TABLE "B"

Number of visits of all kind by Inspectors to registered premises 42

TABLE "C" ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace (1)	No. of Persons Employed (2)
Offices	51
Retail Shops	79
Wholesale Dept., Warehouses	Nil
Catering Establishments open to the Public	19
Canteens	Nil
Fuel Storage Depots	Nil
Total	149
Total Males	61
Total Females	88

TABLE "D"	Exemptions	Nil Return	Parts 1,2,3,4
TABLE "E"	Prosecutions	Nil Return	
TABLE "F"	Inspectors	Number of Inspectors Appointed under Sections 52(1) or (2)	1 Part-time

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	Nil	Nil
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	35	22	Nil	Nil
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Out-Workers' premises).	7	18	Nil	Nil
Total	42	40	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(if the defects are discovered on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases).

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found: Found (2)	Remedied (3)	to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
nt of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
ercrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
reasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
adequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
effective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
nitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
her offences against the t (not including offences lating to outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK (SECTIONS 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Number of Outworkers
Wearing apparel etc.	7

As usual I have received the full co-operation of H.M. Inspector of Factories, and whenever necessary we have discussed problems and on a number of occasions we have visited factories in this urban area together.

Throughout the year, the Factory Inspector has kept me fully informed of all deletions, additions or changes together with information regarding the use of mechanical power in factories, within the urban area, and your registers have been duly amended and brought up to date.

WATER SUPPLY

The South Derbyshire Water Board provide the water supply for the town, and I am indebted to Mr. I. G. Edwards, Engineer and General Manager, South Derbyshire Water Board for his observations which are given below:-

(a) The water supply to the area has been adequate in quantity and generally satisfactory in quality.

(b) Regular examination is made of both raw and treated waters. A total of 96 bacteriological, 4 chemical and 94 partial chemical samples were taken during the year, both at the works and from various points in the Wirksworth Urban District.

Consumers in the Middleton and Bolehill areas of Wirksworth are supplied with water from the Homesford Treatment Works via the Breamfield Reservoir. The remainder of the Urban District is supplied from the two local sources given below:-

	Fluorides
(i) Wash Green Springs	0.21 p.p.m.
(ii) Lady Flatte Mine	0.20 p.p.m.

(c) None of the water as supplied to the consumer in this area is liable to plumbo-solvent action.

(d) All water is chlorinated before being passed into supply.

(e) The number of dwelling houses and population supplied

(i) Number of dwelling houses, and houses and shops	1,786
(ii) Estimated population supplied	5,028
(iii) I have no record of the number of houses supplied by means of standpipes	

In addition 21 bacteriological samples were taken by myself, all of which proved satisfactory.

Towards the end of the year complaints of contamination of a private well serving three cottages at Godfreyhole were received. The complaints related to a "salty" taste which had suddenly appeared in the well water. A survey to determine the source of the contamination was immediately started, but at the year end no definite conclusion had been reached. As a temporary measure until the problem is solved towns water is being delivered to the cottages three times per week.